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FM tower."

Several senators agreed with Duvall that the appropriations committee should decide on this matter since it makes funding decisions for other student groups.

"Appropriations would probably be more equipped to handle the proposal," said Latisha Baker of the publicity committee. "This is their job."

Although Kraus suggested that WVCW have until Dec. 1, 1994, to present a plan to the SGA, the senate changed the date to the first available time the appropriations committee could hear the proposal.

In a Monday evening interview Smack said he is pleased with the decision.

"I think it's great," Smack said. "At least we got our foot in the door."

He added that a shorter time frame to compile a proposal is not a problem.

"I think most of what we need to find out can be done over the summer," Smack said.

After the meeting Kraus said, "I feel it was a success. We kept our promise."

SGA President Cathaleen Bryant said she feels that the senate did a good job of judging the situation.

SGA designates time for radio station to establish FM plan

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WVCW given until fall semester

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WVCW, VCU's radio station, has until the beginning of the fall semester to devise a plan for acquiring an FM frequency, if it wants to reclaim \$30,000 from the Student Government Association.

The SGA approved Monday a measure that earmarks \$30,000 for the radio station.

"This is no guarantee ... that we will be giving them the money," said Sen. Jeffrey Kraus of the appointments committee.

Concern over the \$30,000 arose last month when the SGA voted to take back the money, citing the failure of the radio station to use the money as its reason.

When Jay Smack, WVCW general manager, addressed the senate in an attempt to recover the money, senators said they wanted to see a detailed plan before they would vote on the matter again.

At Monday's meeting, Kraus said the senate should hold the \$30,000 until next semester to ensure the availability of funds if and when WVCW comes back with a plan.

"We have made a promise," Kraus argued. "We have to stand behind our word. If we don't we'll lose our credibility."

Sen. Brian Wells, SGA parliamentarian, told the group that WVCW has planned a Musicfest at Twisters this weekend to raise money. The SGA should at least give the radio station a chance to retrieve the \$30,000 in the fall, he said.

William H. Duvall, dean of student affairs and adviser for the appropriations committee, said, however, he is concerned about bringing this matter before the entire senate.

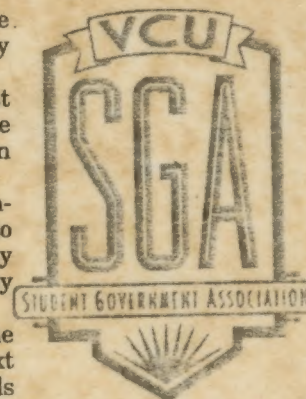
"I'm concerned that this action of the senate ... seriously undercuts the effectiveness of one of its committees — the appropriations committee," Duvall said.

He argued that the senate may be setting a precedent by allowing WVCW to bypass appropriations, which would in effect suggest that any other group could come before the senate to ask for money.

Kraus said he has no problem telling WVCW to go before the appropriations committee next semester.

Duvall also expressed an uneasiness with the fact the radio station still has not presented the SGA with a plan of action.

"I'm not sure that any of you understand the process the radio station must go through to go FM," Duvall said. "Don't think this \$30,000 is going to buy an



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